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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO HOLD FORUM ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

July 8, 2005 -- The Public Service Commission of South Carolina will host a public workshop to discuss issues involved in utilities' planning for and response to disruptions in services caused by weather, terrorist activity or any other cause. A broad cross section of the state's utilities will participate in this event.

The workshop will begin at **10:30AM on Monday, July 11, 2005, in the PSC Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia** and will continue as necessary on Tuesday, July 12, beginning at 10:30AM.

Topics considered will include: 1) Emergency Response Planning and Execution, 2) Emergency Response Communications with Other Utilities / Government Entities / Customers, 3) Performance Standards and Measurement, 4) Lessons Learned from Past Events, and 5) Storm Response Cost Recovery.

Parties who have indicated they will participate include:

Duke Energy  
Progress Energy  
SCANA (Including SCE&G and SC Pipeline)  
Santee Cooper  
The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina  
Berkeley Electric Cooperative  
South Carolina Telephone Association  
BellSouth  
Berkeley County Water and Sewer

The public is welcome to attend the workshop.

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